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SUBJECT: MINOR CHANGES IN SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT

1. GOS ANNOUNCED SEPT 08 A MINOR REORGANIZATION AND RESHUFFLING OF PERSONNEL. PURPORTED AIM OF MOVES WAS GREATER EFFICIENCY. CHANGES INCLUDE:

(A) CREATION OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT TO BE HEADED BY ERSTWHILE MINISTER OF WORKS AND PORT, PHILIBERT LOIZEAU. THIS MINISTRY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PORT, AIRPORT AND STATE-OWNED BUS COMPANY.

(B) ABSORPTION OF FORMER MINISTRY OF WORKS AND PORT (MINUS PORT) BY MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND HOUSING. MINISTRY WILL CONTINUE TO BE HEADED BY MAXIME FERRARI, AND WILL HENCEFORTH BE CALLED MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(C) CREATION OF SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY POSITION IN MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING RESPONSIBLE FOR DIVISION

OF WORKS. POST WILL BE HELD BY MAX FAYON, PREVIOUSLY PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

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(D) CREATION OF SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY POSITION IN MINISTRY OF LABOR, HEALTH AND WELFARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DIVISION OF HEALTH. POST WILL BE HELD BY MS. GEORGETTE MEIN.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT DAVID THOMAS, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WAS CREATED TO GIVE LOIZEAU A JOB HE COULD HANDLE. LOIZEAU, HE SAID, HAD SHOWN HIMSELF INCAPABLE OF

RUNNING MINISTRY OF WORKS AND PORT. PORT AND AIRPORT
SECTIONS OF NEW MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT RUN THEMSELVES, THOMAS
ADDED, LEAVING LITTLE ROOM FOR LOIZEAU'S INEPTITUDE TO
ADVERSELY AFFECT GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. PUBLISHER OF
"WEEKEND LIFE" TOLD CHARGE PRIOR TO RESHUFFLING ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT LOIZEAU HAD BEEN CAUGHT WITH FINGERS IN TILL ON WORKS'
CONTRACTS AND WOULD PROBABLY BE ELIMINATED FROM GOVERNMENT
THROUGH ELECTIONS DUE NEXT YEAR.

3. APPARENT BENEFICIARY FROM THESE CHANGES IS FERRARI, WHO,
WITH ADDITION OF DIVISION OF WORKS, NOW CONTROLS OPERATION
WITH TWO THOUSAND EMPLOYEES, AN ENORMOUS NUMBER CONSIDERING
POPULATION OF COUNTRY.
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